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1. (C) SUMMARY. UNAMIR ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO LOOK INTO THE RUHENGERI
ATROCITIES WITHOUT IDENTIFYING BLAME AT A PRESS
CONFERENCE 11/26. GOVERNMENT MILITARY COMMANDERS
SUPPORT AT THE SAME TIME DISCREDITED MIO
OS STER OF
DEFENSE AND RESUMPTION OF JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH
RPF. THE UN/SYG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES

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BROADBASED GOVERNMENT CAN BE PUT IN PLACE BEFORE CHRISTMAS. LEADERS OF FRACTURED POLITICAL PARTIES WILL MEET IN MOMBASA DURING WEEKEND UNDER CHURCH AUSPICES TO TRY TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES BEFORE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. ALTHOUGH UNAMIR'S STRATEGY WILL UPSET MANY RWANDANS FOR NOT NAMING NAMES, IT HAS BOUGHT VALUABLE TIME IN THE RACE TO PUT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN PLACE. END SUMMARY.

UNAMIR HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

2. (U) IN HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE, UNAMIR COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A FORMAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO LOOK INTO THE "ATROCITIES" COMMITTED IN RUHENGERI NOVEMBER 17-18. HE SAID THE UNAMIR INVESTIGATION TEAM HAD CONFIRMED 37 DEAD AND 2 WOUNDED BY GUNS, PISTOLS, AND "SWORDS OF THE BAYONETTE FAMILY," BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERPETRATORS BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS AND LOGISTICAL AND PERSONEL CONSTRAINTS. HE RECOMMITTED UNAMIR TO THE
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PEACE PROCESS IN RWANDA, CALLED FOR THE COOPERATION OF ALL PARTIES, AND ANNOUNCED HIS DETERMINATION TO ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT AND TIGHTEN OVERSIGHT OF SECURITY IN THE DMZ.

3. (C) QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS SUGGESTED MOST PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE HAD HOPED THE INITIAL INQUIRY WOULD NAME THE RPF AS CULPRITS. TWO QUESTIONS EVEN TRIED TO LINK FRENCH-CANADIAN DALLAIRE TO FRENCH-CANADIAN WIFE OF RWANDA'S TUTSI MINISTER AND IMPUTE TO HIM HER PRO-RPF SYMPATHIES.

4. (C) OTHER RWANDANS WILL BE SATISFIED WITH THE MORE AMBIGUOUS OUTCOME OF THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION. DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET TOLD CHARGE AND VISITING AF/RA MILITARY ADVISOR THAT UNAMIR WOULD BE WISE NEVER TO NAME A RESPONSIBLE PARTY. A JOURNALIST TOLD CHARGE THAT WHETHER UNAMIR KNEW THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY OR NOT, IT WOULD BE BEST NOT SAY.

OFFICERS SUPPORT MINISTER OF DEFENSE

5. (U) A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING A MEETING 11/25 OF RWANDAN ARMY UNIT COMMANDERS EXPRESSED INDIGNATION AT

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THE "MASSACRES ...PERPETRATED BY THE RPF" AND REAFFIRMED
SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHO HAD ISSUED A
COMMUNIQUE UNILATERALLY SUSPENDING TALKS WITH THE RPF
(REF A). IN APPARENT CONTRADICTION, HOWEVER, IT ALSO
CALLED FOR THE MIXED COMMISSIONS TO BE RESUMED AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMUNIQUE IS SIGNED BY COL. BAGOSORA,
DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S CABINET, EVEN THOUGH
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THE MINISTER WAS AT THE MEETING.

6. (C) COMMENT. ONE MILITARY PRESENT AT THE MEETING
TOLD CHARGE THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED THE TENOR OF THE
MEETING. THE ARMY, HE SAID, FELT OBLIGED TO SUPPORT THE
MINISTER, WHOSE POSITION HAD BEEN OVERTURNED BY THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, BUT HAD TRIED TO DISTANCE ITSELF
FROM HIS COMMUNIQUE BY CALLING FOR THE JOINT COMMISSIONS
TO RESUME. END COMMENT.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES

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7. (U) THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY
GENERAL, JACQUES-ROGER BOOH-BOOH, FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER OF CAMEROON, ARRIVED IN KIGALI 11/23. DR.
KABIA, SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR, AND PIERRE DESSENDE
(CHADIAN), POLITICAL ADVISOR, HAVE ARRIVED TO SERVE ON
HIS STAFF.

8. (C) BOOH-BOOH AND DALLAIRE HAVE CONVEYED TO CHARGE
AND VISITING AF/RA MILITARY ADVISOR A SENSE OF URGENCY
IN THE WAKE OF THE RUHENGERI EVENTS. DURING CHARGE'S
COURTESY CALL 11/26, BOOH-BOOH SAID UNAMIR AIMS TO HAVE
THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IN PLACE BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
ECHOING WHAT GENERAL DALLAIRE TOLD CHARGE AND VISITING
AF/RA MILITARY ADVISOR, HE SAID UNAMIR IS TRYING TO
ACCELERATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEMOBILIZATION PHASE.
DALLAIRE IS URGING NEW YORK TO ACCELERATE ARRIVAL OF THE
SECOND BATTALION SO ASSEMBLY AND CANTONMENT SITES CAN BE
IDENTIFIED AND PREPARED FOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES
SOONER THAN THE END OF APRIL AS CALLED FOR IN THE
CURRENT SCHEDULE. DALLAIRE HAD CONFIRMED EARLIER THAT
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES HE DRAFTED FOR THE RPF
BATTALION THAT IS TO COME TO TOWN IS CURRENTLY UNDER

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CONSIDERATION BY BOTH SIDES. CHARGE NOTED THAT THE ARRIVAL OF THE RPF BATTALION HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS A PRIMARY CONCERN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET.

PARTY RECONCILIATION TALKS

9. (LOU) THE ALL-AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, A PROTESTANT UMBRELLA GROUP BASED IN NAIROBI, HAS INVITED
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TO MOMBASA WEEKEND NOVEMBER 27-28 LEADERS OF THE DISPARATE FACTIONS OF THE MDR AND THE PL. REPORTEDLY BOTH PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU AND EX-PRIME MINISTER DISMAS NSENGIYAREMYE WILL ATTEND FOR THE MDR. JUSTIN MUGENZI, PARTY PRESIDENT, AND LANDO NDANINGWA, TUTSI MINISTER AND PARTY VICE-PRESIDENT ARE EXPECTED FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY (PL). REPORTEDLY ALL THE BISHOPS FROM RWANDA, REPRESENTATIVES OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, AND OTHER SELECT CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISTS ARE INVITED.

10. (C) COMMENT. MANY RWANDANS ARE HOPING THESE TALKS WILL HELP THESE TWO TROUBLED PARTIES FIND THE COMPROMISES NEEDED TO REUNITE AND ALLOW THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE TO FORM AN UNCONTESTED, AND THEREBY STABLE, COALITION GOVERNMENT.

COMMENT

11. (C) BY NOT NAMING A CULPRIT IN THE RUHENGERI INCIDENT, UNAMIR IS LIKELY TO UPSET MANY RWANDANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONVINCED THE RPF DID IT. MANY OTHERS, HOWEVER, WILL SEE THIS AS THE ONLY VIABLE APPROACH TO A DELICATE ISSUE AND A SKILLFUL WAY OF BUYING TIME LEADING UP TO THE FORMATION OF THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT.

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